

REMARKS

The present submission is being made in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment that was mailed in this case on August 19, 2003. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, and consideration of the amendment in light of the Remarks and RCE submitted in this case on August 11, 2003.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants also respectfully request that, if possible, the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in the event that the next Office Action in this case is not a Notice of Allowance.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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